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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated December 6, 2005, for which a response was due on March 6, 2006. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a two month(s) extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to May 6th. Accordingly, this response filed on Monday, May 8, 2006, is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.